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North Las Vegas, NV 89036-0307

Attention: Dr. Jane R. Summerson

Dear Madam,

I am in receipt of several letters, DC-ROMS and the lastest from Wahington of August 24, 2001 including a request that I comment on some Suggested Topics. Here goes!

I visited Yucca Mountain early on and was impressed. I joined two groups to find out about two topices that concerned me then and now - viz: Transportation and Water.

Transportation - I've reviewed all kinds of plans from DOE and the media. From ground transportation, the Southern Route (Las Vegas) to the Northern Route (Tonopah). Early on I recall that a truck/rail route be built west of Caliente, Nevada into Yucca Mountain. That would be expenside but avoid the congested areas.

Water - I live in Pahrump and have our own well. I've always been concerned, not only of the quality of our water but a short supply. Now this was multiplied a thousand fold with the growth in this valley, and everyone punching holes in the grounhd, for the same water! Early on, I understood that there was a device installed in Devil's Hole to monitor the quality of the water in the Ash Meadows area. I thought that was a good idea and I felt relieved. Nothing is ever static. Not too long ago the Devil's Hole area was vandalized and instruments and the fish trashed.

Now to the "Suggested Topics"

1. I believe that the Yucca Mountain Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation and other scientific documents produced are suitable for development of a repository.

2. I believe that the Secretary should proceed to recommend the site to the President now!.

3. There is no reason to prevent the President from concluding that Yucca Mountain site is qualified for a construction license application to NRC.

4. None. The Secretary should proceed.

5. There is no alternative. At least in the near future!

6. I have none.   Except to get cracking.

7. We need Yucca Mountain!   550245

Sincerely,

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